areas cause allergy and trees eat away soil moisture or repel clouds.

(c) In view of the answer at (b) above, no action is called for.

(d) The selection of tree species to be planted is made with reference to the local agro-climatic and soil conditions and also the needs and preferences of the local community.

Effects of the textile policy on cotton growers

1773. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN. Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse effect of the new textile policy on cotton growers and also on handloom and powerloom industries; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review the textile policy in the light thereof, and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) At present the prices of cotton are ruling at levels far above the minimum support levels and it, therefore, cannot be said that cotton growers have been affected adversely.

The textile industry as a whole is faced with the problem of demand recession and high cotton prices. The Government is seized of these difficulties This situation cannot, however, be attributed to the new Textile Policy.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Narmada Water (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (7) of section 6A of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Water Resources Notification S.O. No. 819(E), dated the 10th September, 1987, publishing the Narmada Water (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1987. [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-5093/87]

I Central Excise (6th Amendment) Rules, 1987

II. Notification of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

III. Service Regulations of various Rural Banks.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. No. 782(E), dated the 15th September, 1987, publishing the Central Excise (6th Amendment) Rules, 1987, under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5084/87]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) S.O. No. 986(E), dated the 13th November, 1987, amending Notification No. 329-Cus. S.O. No. 865(E), dated the 28th September, 1987, so as to lay down the revised rates of exchange for conversion of Austrian Shillings, Dutch Guilders, Pound Sterling and Swiss Francs into Indian currency or *vice-versa*.

(ii) S.O. No. 987(E), dated the 16th November, 1987, amending Notification No. 329-Cus. S.O. 865(E), dated 28th September, 1987, so as to lay down the revised rate of